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DRAFTED BY ARA/CAR - MR. BURKE:COAST GUARD:- MR. DIXON:LE

APPROVED BY ARA/CAR - MR. BURKE

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D/LOS:O - MR. ESKIN (SUBS)

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TO AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO PRIORITY

INFO CCGDSEVEN MIAMI FLA

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SUBJECT: LAW ENFORCEMENT SURFACE VESSEL PATROL MONA PASS-
AGE.

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 4836

1. REGRET THAT EMBASSY NOT PROVIDED WITH MORE TIMELY
NOTICE THAT COAST GUARD VESSELS AS PART OF OPERATION CHAN-
NEL CAT WOULD BE OPERATING OFF THE COAST OF DOMREP IN MONA
PASSAGE.

2. MONA PASSAGE PATROL IS PART OF ATTEMPT TO INTERDICT
FLOW OF NARCOTICS INTO THE UNITED STATES. THAT EFFORT
CURRENTLY INVOLVES ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF GOVERNMENT OF
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JAMAICA, AND THERE HAS BEEN SOME MENTION IN NEWS MEDIA.

GOVERNMENTS OF CUBA AND HAITI ARE AWARE OF RELATED CUTTER OPERATIONS IN WINDWARD PASSAGE. GENERAL COAST GUARD PREFERENCE IS THAT INFO OF THIS TYPE AND CONTENTS OF CCGDSEVEN 221518Z NOV 74 BE RESTRICTED UNLESS IT IS NECESSARY TO RESPOND TO A SPECIFIC INQUIRY OF GODR.

3. USCG COMMANDERS CUSTOMARILY ISSUE FROM TIME TO TIME INSTRUCTIONS RESERVING CONTROL OF ENTRY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES INTO FOREIGN CLAIMED TERRITORIAL SEAS BROADER THAN

THE 3 MILES RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED STATES. PURPOSE OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS IS TO MINIMIZE POSSIBILITY OF AN INADVERTENT INCIDENT WHILE FULFILLING COAST GUARD RESPONSIBILITIES. EXISTENCE OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS IS NOT DIVULGED TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS BECAUSE, AS DE FACTO ACCOMMODATION OF CLAIMS TO TERRITORIAL SEAS OF MORE THAN THREE MILES, IT WOULD UNDERCUT OUR POSITION IN LOS FORUM.

4. INSTRUCTIONS NOW IN EFFECT OFF COAST OF DR APPLY ONLY TO WATERS MORE THAN 3 MILES FROM COAST. ENTRIES INTO RECOGNIZED 3 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RIGHT OF INNOCENT PASSAGE OR AS SPECIALLY ARRANGED THROUGH EMBASSY.

5. FOLLOWING ARE RESPONSES TO POINTS RAISED IN PARAS 3 AND 4 REFTEL:

A. RE PARA 3 - US ONLY RECOGNIZES 3 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA. IT RECOGNIZES GREATER CONTIGUOUS FISHING ZONE UP TO 12 MILES, BUT THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE OTHER SOVEREIGN ATTRIBUTES. IF, FOR EXAMPLE, US VESSEL IS TO BE IDENTIFIED, USCG CUTTER WOULD ENTER 3 TO 6 MILE AREAS AS A MATTER OF RIGHT. IT IS NOT CERTAIN CG WILL OPERATE IN THIS ZONE, BUT IT IS POSSIBILITY. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM GODR GENERALLY OF OPERATION AND ANSWER QUESTIONS BUT SHOULD NOT BE IN POSITION OF SEEKING CONCURRENCE SHOULD THERE BE OCCASION OF ENTRY 3 TO 6 MILE ZONE. SEEKING GODR CONCURRENCE WOULD UNDERCUT OUR POSITION IN LOS FORUM.

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B. RE PARA 4 - PATROL IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY AND WILL CONTINUE THROUGH 20 DEC.

6. BECAUSE MONA PASSAGE IS A STRAIGHT USED FOR INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION DEPT WISHES TO BE PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO AVOIDING ANY IMPLICATION THAT USG WOULD ACQUIRE IN ANY FOREIGN CLAIM NOT RECOGNIZED BY USG.

7. IN ANY DISCUSSION OF OPERATION, WE WOULD PREFER THAT
EMBASSY BE VAGUE ABOUT PRECISE LOCATION OF OPERATION. INGERSOLL

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